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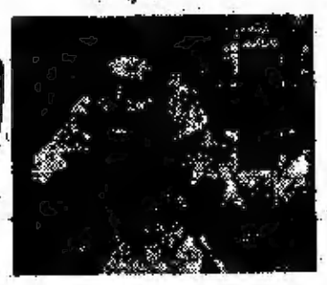

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67 Baltic Refugees Listed By Name

The Joint Distribution Committee sent to the Review a second list of 67 names of Jews from the Baltic countries of Lithuania, Latvia, and Esthonia who are now refugees in Asiatic Russia. The list gives the cities of origin of the refugees and their present addresses. Relatives seeking more information concerning the people whose names appear on it may write to: Joint Distribution Committee, 149 East 42nd Street, New York, N.Y.

The refugees are:

Ast, Louis, of Riga, Latvia; Balk, Faniat; Baron, of Riga, Latvia, with wife Berta; Basch, Miliam, of Riga, Latvia; Bieker, Icchak; Bindman, Jakob, of Riga, with wife Jena; Blintschkow, S., of Riga, Latvia; Bomkowitz, of Lunia, Latvia; Chanin, I. (six persons); Dattal, Tewie, of Tukum, Latvia, with wife and children; Dreager, Golda, of Riga, with two children; Gause of Lunia, Latvia; Gitelson, Rivula, of Riga, with her mother; Gitmer, Meri, of Liepaja, Latvia, with son; Drujan, Selig, of Lunia, with wife and children; Gukarwitz, Genia; Goldblat, Isa, of Riga; Gross, Mina, of Riga; Gurwitz, A., of Esthonia, with a large family; Guzman, W. M., of Riga; Harmier, L., of Liepaja, Latvia; Hoffman, Lina, of Riga; Iodfe, H., Regan, Frida of Riga; Katz, L. G., of Riga; Langa, Salma, of Riga; Lindemanbeta, N., of Lithuania; Lipe, Abrahams, of Riga; Lefbo, Frieda (six persons); Mattison, Rivula, of Riga; Neidlin, Dora, of Riga; Rimschfeld, Abraham, of Riga; I. E.; Isdin, T; Kaufmann, of Riga; Klein, Moses, Liepaja; Latmeis, Lunja, Latvia; Lubarski, Jacob, of Riga; Lubarski, Wolfson, F.; Lubowitz, Simon, of Riga, Latvia; Semel, of Lunia Latvia; Shriel, Sema, of Riga.

Riga Ghetto Is Transit Camp

The Ghetto of Riga is now being used as a transit camp for Jews from Germany on their way to undisclosed places further East where, it is believed, thousands of them have been executed.

The report says that on November 28, 1941, the Germans decreed that a section of the Ghetto was to be reserved for occupation by some 4,000 Jews engaged on work for the Army and the S.S. These were incarcerated in the "inner Ghetto" and surrounded by additional barbed-wire entanglements. Only able-bodied men between the ages of 18 and 60 were to remain in the camp.

On the night of November 30, 6,000 men, women and children were told to assemble, bringing luggage with them. They were left in the open all night, and in the morning the transport left. Some were taken to the Bickernekchen Forest, outside Riga, where they were shot, the others were driven to the wood near Zarnikau and similarly dealt with. A week later the surviving 18,000 persons in the main Ghetto were removed and nothing more was heard of them.

The 4,000 of the "inner Ghetto" were still there in June of this year. As for the main Ghetto, it remained empty for a few days only, after which came new arrivals — Jewish deportees from Germany, including many from Berlin, Cologne and Dusseldorf. By the end of June they, too, had departed to an "unknown destination."

MOST OF HOLLAND'S JEWS DISAPPEAR FROM PUBLIC LIFE

The Nazis have proclaimed that "the majority of Jews have now disappeared from Holland's public life," it was reported to the Review by the Netherlands Government Information Bureau in Montreal.

The statement was made by the Zwaarte Soldaat, organ of the Dutch Nazi Elite Guard, following a series of deportations of Jews to eastern Europe and liquidation of Jewish property. The pre-war population of Holland was estimated at 180,000.

The Nazis' organ complained that formerly Jewish firms which have been taken over by the Nazis continued to use their old names in advertising. The paper announced it would henceforth refuse to accept advertising containing Jewish names and said it expected a general regulation to this effect to be issued soon.

The German authorities in Holland have tightened up restrictions on Jewish ritual slaughter of cattle.

Dutch Jews had sought to overcome Nazi restrictions by stunning cattle with electric current before slaughter. This practice has now been halted by the authorities.

The Nazi Storm organ, Storm, disclosing the latest action, also denounced the fact that kosher cheese and butter were still made in Holland, declaring that "if it is necessary for a Jew to eat cheese, he should be satisfied with cheese made in the ordinary manner."

Warsaw Jews Resist Germans, Hundreds Killed

An attempt to resist by arms German efforts to liquidate the remnants of the Warsaw ghetto resulted in several hundred Polish Jews being killed in January, according to word received through underground channels by the Jewish Labor Committee in New York. Among those killed was said to be Isaac Giterman, former manager of the Joint Distribution Committee, American relief organization in Warsaw.

The message said 8,000 Jews were deported from the Warsaw ghetto, and that those remaining were threatened with immediate annihilation.

Before the policy of total extermination went into effect, more than half a million Jews were packed into the Ghetto, a dismal section of 100 blocks in the northern part of Warsaw, surrounded by an 8-foot wall topped by broken glass. No one could enter or leave without a pass. No streetcars ran between the Ghetto and other parts of the city.

Inside the Ghetto, the Germans systematically have created an incubator of death: when 500 Jews died, 500 others immediately took their places, shiped into the Ghetto from various parts of Poland and Europe. During April, May, and June, 1941, 10,232 Jews died in the Ghetto; only 1,200 were born. The annual death rate in the Ghetto in 1941 was roughly 80 per thousand; the highest annual death rate of any modern city is less than 30 per thousand.

There was only one hospital in the Ghetto, without linen and with few drugs. Cats went through [illegible] and Polish police outside its walls turned their backs on this activity.

Germans maintained a bicycle guard around the Ghetto wall, constantly circling in search of persons who had left without permission. Some months ago Nazi soldiers caught a small boy who was returning to the Ghetto with a bag of food. Lifting a manhole cover, they dropped the boy into a sewer. This statement is contained in a report published by the U.S. Office of War Information in Washington.

The Nazis were proud of the conditions they had created in the Ghetto: regular tours passed through its twisted, somber streets, the sightseers being Germans who had settled in Poland or been brought there from bombed areas in the Reich.

40,000 View Dramatic Mass Memorial To 2,000,000 Jews Slain In Europe

Forty thousand persons listened and watched in emotional silence in Madison Square Garden in New York to two performances of "We Shall Never Die," a dramatic mass memorial to the 2,000,000 Jews killed in Europe. The memorial was staged to stir the Allied nations to stop the slaughter of a people by the Germans.

Twice during the evening the hall's 20,000 seats were filled for the spectacular memorial. As the lights went out, as they have for all of European Jewry, a dramatic pageant, entitled "We Will Never Die," unfolded in front of the massed mourners, closing with the plaintive chanting of the Kaddish, the Hebrew prayer for the dead.

A memorial for the Jews who have already perished, the pageant at the same time was a poignant dramatization of Jewry's appeal to all Christendom to act quickly in an endeavor to give refuge to the doomed who have not yet been liquidated "according to plan."

Many leading American Jews—actors, producers, singers, directors and writers—pooled their efforts in staging the spectacle. They were a cross-section of American talent—Ben Hecht, Billy Rose, Moss Hart, Kurt Weill, Paul Muni, Edward G. Robinson, Kurt Baum, Luther Adler and many others.

The hall, which only four years ago resounded to the anti-Semitic, pro-Nazi utterances of the German-American Bund leaders and their followers, was decorated as a temple for the services. The Ten Commandments, inscribed on two forty-foot tablets, dominated the hall. On each side of the tablets were twelve-foot candelabra. Draped around the tiers were 2,500 yards of crepe.

Paul Muni, who cancelled a performance of "Counsellor-at-Law," in which he is starring, in order to appear, and Edward G. Robinson, who flew to New York from Hollywood, enunciated the theme of the service when, as narrators, they said:

"The corpse of a people lies on the steps of civilization. Behold it. Here it is! And no voice is heard to cry halt to the slaughter, no government speaks to bid the murder of human millions stop . . . But we here tonight have a voice. Let us raise it. Perhaps the dead will hear it and find comfort. Perhaps the dying will hear it and find hope. Perhaps the four freedoms will hear it and find their tongue. . . . It is the voice of prayer."

Throughout, the dramatization followed the course taken by Jews from Biblical times on, when in their deepest hours of grief they affirmed the glory of life and blessed God. This was the theme of the closing prayer—the Kaddish. Led by a cantor, many of the 20,000 present at each of the performances joined in the chanting of the prayer, starting with the historic words "Yisgadal, v'yiskadash."

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Nazi Satellites

The German government is increasing its pressure on Rumania, Hungary, Italy and other Nazi-controlled countries to intensify their anti-Jewish policy, according to reports reaching London.

Under pressure of the government, the Synod of Bulgaria has prohibited the baptism of Jews in the country.

The Rumanian government has further reduced the sugar rations of the Jews to 100 grams monthly per person, and has decided to establish a number of new ghettos in Moldavia for the use of Rumanian Jews from the provinces who escaped from pogroms and settled in Bucharest, according to a report of the Nazi press.

The Bucharest Universal reports that the Rumanian government will confiscate the immovable property of all Jews in the cities of Alba-Julia, Jassi, Arad, Barcsand, Lugos, Campo-Lung and Fogaras.

The first ghetto in France was established in Marseilles on February 1, according to an announcement of the Paris radio. The Vichy government has prohibited travel in trains and change of residence by Jews in formerly "unoccupied" France.

Another series of raids by the German authorities in Paris and in the provincial cities of France has resulted in the arrest of a large number of Jews. Those apprehended were accused of engaging in "Communist" activities and of violating the order requiring the wearing of the Magen David. They are to be punished severely, it is stated.

The Vichy government is reportedly preparing new history textbooks to replace those compiled by "Jews and pro-Jews."

Approximately ten per cent of the Jews who were released from concentration and forced labor camps in French North Africa have been arrested and incarcerated in the underground prison at Aimel Ourak, Morocco, because they refused to join the French Foreign Legion, according to reports reaching Tangier. While the French military commanders insist that released internees must join the Legion the Jews prefer to join the Allied armies or Palestinian Jewish units, since they are reluctant to join a body whose composition and leadership is reputedly anti-Semitic and pro-fascist.

Dutch Journalist Dies, Was Trade Unionist

The death of Dr. Henri Polak occurred at his home in Laren, North Holland, where he was confined by the German occupation authorities. He died on Feb. 18, four days before his seventy-fifth birthday, but his death was not reported until last week.

A member of the Netherlands Senate, a noted Social-Democratic leader and organizer of the trade union movement in the Dutch diamond industry, Dr. Polak, who was Jewish, was imprisoned in Amsterdam by the Germans shortly after the invasion.

Although treated badly by his jailers, who deprived him of the hearing apparatus he used to relieve a deafness that eventually became almost complete, Dr. Polak never lost his courage.

He was later released from the Amsterdam prison and interned in a house near The Hague. Again he was imprisoned, but his health failed and he was confined to his home in Laren.

Dr. Polak also was known internationally as having been instrumental in the formation of the International Diamond Workers Association, of which he was chairman.

He was a prominent Netherlands journalist, who wrote a long series of anti-Nazi articles in the newspaper Het Volk before the invasion, when it was the organ of the Social-Democratic Party.

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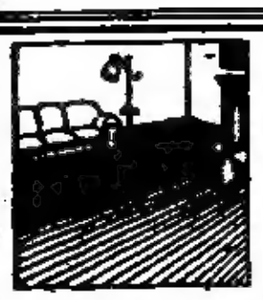

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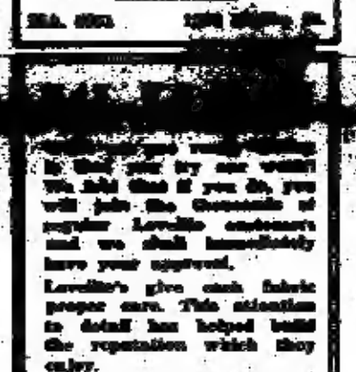

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Social Notes—Montreal

Mrs. A. J. Walker, Westmount Avenue, is visiting relatives in New York.

Abe Usher, Springfield Avenue, has returned from Lac Brule.

Mrs. B. Gardner, of New York, formerly of Montreal, was the guest of Mrs. S. W. Jacobs, Cote St. Antoine Road.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Applebaum, Elm Avenue, are visiting relatives in New York.

Lieut. Allan Gold, R.C.A.M.C., Pine Avenue, has left to train at Camp Borden, Ontario.

Miss Sara Hoffman, Victoria Avenue, is spending a week at Ivry.

Miss Marion Abbey, who attends the University of Toronto, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Abbey, Sherbrooke Street West.

Mrs. A. Shapiro, of Quebec, is visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. J. Rosenbaum, Westmount Avenue.

Lieut. Ralph B. Rubin, R.C.A. M.C., has left Montreal to be stationed at Camp Borden, Ontario.

Dr. and Mrs. L. I. Frohlich, Pine Avenue West, spent a few days at Ivry.

Out-of-town guests present at the Rosemans-Clapoff wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. William Gertman, of Halifax, N.S.; Sgt. and Mrs. E. Feigelman, of Medicine Hat, Alberta; Mrs. O. Miller, Manrese Avenue, Quebec City; and Mrs. B. Safinsky, of Shawinigan Falls.

Mrs. S. Ditkofsky, Rachel Street, is visiting her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. L. Rappaport, in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Greenberg, 1065 Van Horne Avenue, entertained for Pte. Philip Goldenberg, Ordnance Corps, at the El Morocco.

Mrs. I. Miller, Solomon Avenue, is visiting relatives in New York.

Mrs. J. Shane, Clarmont Avenue, is in New York visiting her sister, Mrs. J. E. Levine, of Stanford, Conn., were guests of Mrs. B. Lautgarten, 1557 Decharme Avenue.

Mrs. Jack Smith, Solomon Avenue, is visiting relatives in New York.

Mrs. Fred Gittleman, of Trenton, Ontario, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. Newton, Van Horne Avenue.

Lieut. Edward Rosen, R.C.A.M.C., Dollard Boulevard, is in Camp Borden, Ontario.

A. Miller, Pagnuelo Avenue, is spending some time in Ste. Agathe.

Mrs. A. Kronenberg and Miss Lillian Kronenberg, Stuart Avenue, are visiting relatives in New York.

Private Norman Potechin, on leave from Camp St. John, was entertained by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Potechin, at the El Morocco. Guests were Private Lewis Levitt, Mrs. Lewis Levitt, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ordel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Perlman, Dunlop Avenue, have returned from a week's visit to Toronto.

Cadet Gerald Benjamin, R.C.A., Dollard Boulevard, has gone to Gordon Head, B.C., to take up an Officer's Training Course.

Mrs. J. Goldberg, of New York, is visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Samuels, Plantagenet Avenue.

Mrs. Morris Singer, Pare Avenue, entertained at tea for Miss Dorothy Robbins, a bride-elect of April 11. Others present were Mesdames Harry Robbins and Simon Kirsch. A gift was presented.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Glazer, 5360 St. Urbain Street, are taking up residence at 4827 Esplanade Avenue.

Lieut. Samuel Lerman, R.C.A. M.C., Clarmont Avenue, is at Camp Borden, Ontario.

Miss Rose Brownstone, Queen Mary Road, has returned from a holiday at Ivry.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Segal, Addington Avenue, are spending a holiday at Lac Brule.

Miss Reva Phillips, of Cornwall, is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vineberg, Prudhomme Avenue.

Corporal Sydney H. Selig and Mrs. Selig, of Ottawa, are spending a few days with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irving I. Selig, Brodeur Avenue.

Mrs. M. Perlman, Marcil Avenue, is spending a few days in Ste. Agathe.

Mrs. A. Paperman and daughter, Sonia, Queen Mary Road, are in New York, visiting the former's father, L. Sverdlov, in Brooklyn, and will also visit her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. Sverdlov, at Mount Vernon, N.Y.

Miss Olga Yossem, Decarie Boulevard, is spending several weeks at Ivry.

Mrs. B. Segal and son, Ascher, Queen Mary Road, were at Ivry.

40,000 VIEW DRAMATIC MASS MEMORIAL TO 2,000,000 JEWS SLAIN IN EUROPE

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Early in the pageant, in a roll call of Jews from Moses to Colin Kelly's bombardier, Master Sergeant Meyer Levin, there was a re-enactment of the surrender of Corregidor, the news of which was tapped out to the world by Irving Strobing, a twenty-two-year-old Jewish soldier from Brooklyn.

With a telegraph key clicking out the message in the vast darkness of the Garden, the assemblage heard Strobing's words:

"Corregidor calling . . . Corregidor calling. They're not here yet. We're waiting for God only knows what. How about a chocolate soda? We've only got about one hour to go. Till noon. They're throwing men and shells at us. They've been shelling us faster than you can count. I am really low down. . . . Enemy heavy cross-shelling and bombing. They've got all around us and from the skies. Corregidor used to be a nice place. But it's haunted now. . . . I can really think fine, I have sixty and" . . . Then finally, after hanging the wire open for the final word, the letters started coming in slower: "The jig is up. Every one is bawling like a baby. They are piling dead and wounded in our tunnel. My arms are weak from pounding this key. . . ."

Finally, the audience heard Strobin's final message: "My name is Irving Strobing, 605 Barbey Street, Brooklyn. Get this to my mother, Mrs. Minnie Strobing, 605 Barbey Street, Brooklyn. They are to get along O. K. My love to Pa, Jos, Sue, Mac, Harry, Jane and Paul. God bless 'em all. Tell Joe wherever he is to give 'em hell for us. My love to all. . . . God bless you and keep you. . . . Stand by."

The blowing of taps by two buglers indicated to the audience that Irving Strobing is now a prisoner of the Japanese. The roles of Jewish soldiers, the mourners were told, were not stressed because they were the greatest or the most numerous, but because "they are our own; they are great enough for pride and many enough for history to count."

Far down on the stage between the towering tablets, the actor, Jacob Ben Ami, intoned a fervent prayer:

"Almighty God, Father of the poor and weak, strength of the righteous and hope of all who dream of goodness and justice . . . we are here to say our prayers for the two million who have been killed in Europe because they bear the name of your first children—the Jews.

"We are not here to weep for them. We are here to honor them and to proclaim the victory of their dying. For, in our Testament are written the word of Habakkuk, prophet of Israel, 'They shall never die.' They are part of something greater, higher and stronger than the dreams of their executioners. They were unarmed, but not we."

Faintly, behind the graven stone and the dark curtains an organ played softly. Heads bowed. A strong white light showed Ben Ami, clad in white silken robes.

Onto the stage shuffled and walked twenty of the rabbinate saved from European ghettos, most of them bearded patriarchs clad in black gowns and white prayer shawls. High on the escarpment, between the Ten Commandments graven on towering stone, stood four sons clad in the spotless white holding aloft the Torah and the white light glittered on the spangled velveta that bound them.

The rabbis prayed, and when they had ended the prayer, the organ notes and the massed choirs touched higher notes. The music swelled. Spotlighted in a scene where all else was dark, the patriarchs moved offstage.

In the rollcall were many illustrious names. Starting with Moses, [illegible] Montreal, minister of finance to Ferdinand and Isabella, who raised money for Christopher Columbus's venture; Amatus Lusitanus, father of European medicine; Moses and Felix Mendelssohn; Abraham Schreiner, the Galician Jew who discovered petroleum; Siegfried Marcus, inventor of the benzine-propelled engine; Haym Solomon, Sir Moses Montefiore, Benjamin Disraeli, Zangwill, Sholem Aleichem, Franz Werfel, Lion Feuchtwanger, Sholem Asch, Sir Arthur Wing Pinero, Arthur Schnitzler, Ferenc Molnar, Stefan Zweig, Halevy, Catulle Mendes, Bret Harte, Olive Schriner, Marcel Proust, Anatole France, Nostradamus, John Howard Payne, author of "Home Sweet Home"; Bizet, Meyerbeer, Saint Saens, Rubenstein, Oscar Straus, Offenbach, Vladimir Horowitz, Jasha Heifetz, George Gershwin, Gustav Mahler, Luis Ponce de Leon, Spanish poet; Heinrich Heine, Emma Lazarus, whose sonnet — "Bend them, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" — [illegible] Statue of Liberty, [illegible] Weinstein, Shmuel Niger, Meir Bergson, Karl Marx, Rose Pastor. The scroll was long.

The pageant, sponsored by the Committee for a Jewish Army of Stateless and Palestinian Jews, was written by Ben Hecht. It was produced by Rose and directed by Moss Hart. The musical score was by Kurt Weill and the settings were by Lemuel Ayers. The scheme was by S. Syrjala, with lighting by Moe Hack. The cast of more than 900 included, in addition to Ben Ami, Robinson, Baum and Adler, Jacob Ben Ami, Herbert Rudley, Paul Lindenberg, Sylvia Wilberg, William Malten, David Leonard, Margaret Wisler, Edward Franz, Walter Kohler, Mark Schweid, Eleonora Mendlesohn and Sylvia Sidney. The N. B. C. Symphony Orchestra was conducted by Isaac Van Grove.

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Child Refugees Recite Nazi Cruelties To 3,500 School Children At "Sorrow" Meeting

Six young Jewish refugees, ranging in years from eleven to sixteen, stood up before 3,500 of their young American brothers and sisters and told in sad but steady voices of the cruelties that they and their families had suffered at the hands of the Nazis before they escaped from Europe to America.

The children recited their harrowing tales—tales that one little girl said she "remembered but wished she could forget" — at a "sorrow and protest" meeting held in Mecca Temple, 133 West Fifty-fifth Street, by the Jewish Education Committee of New York for the representatives of 516 Jewish schools in New York City.

Standing up before the meeting, from which 1,500 children had been turned away because there were no seats left, one little refugee, Ingeborg Jacob, eleven, who now lives at 206 Grand Concourse, the Bronx, recounted the story of her life in Nazi Germany.

She told of stones thrown at her by children who had once been her friends, of a friend whose uncle had been rushed off to a concentration camp and his ashes returned to his family in a tin box, of waking in terror one night when the Nazis threw stones through the windows of her home, and finally of her escape to the United States.

Another child, Ruth Friedberg, eleven, now living at 652 West 139th Street, told how happy she had been in America, which it had taken her family a whole year to reach in their escape from Warsaw. "I kept wondering" she added wistfully, "what has happened to my friends that I left there."

The other four children told similar stories — Manfred Kochen, who escaped with his family from Luxembourg; Helen Springer, who was in school in Berlin when the Nazi campaign against the Jews began; Janine Putter, who was happy in Paris until the Nazis tried to take her father as a hostage; and Abraham Brumberg, who escaped from the Mezden Sanitarium, near Warsaw, just before the Nazis blew it up causing the death of 250 children.

When they had finished speaking, the children lighted candles for their Jewish compatriots who have died at the hands of the Nazis, and listened while three young democrats representing the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths, each of whom had been of

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lie Urtick, whose marriage takes place in April. Pink carnations centered the table. Mrs. A. Silverman poured, assisted by Miss Bessye Urtick, and a presentation was made.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Haber, St. Urbain Street, gave a dinner in honor of Miss Pearl Weiser and Louis Haber, whose marriage will take place on April 4. Mr. and Mrs. G. Goldfarb, Mr. and Mrs. M. Israelovitch, and Misses Fanny Himelfarb and Goldie Haber were there. The honored guests were presented with a breakfast set.

Misses Alda Babins and Pauline Sommer gave a tea for Miss Pearl Weiser, a bride-elect of April 4. Mesdames L. Cytrynbaum, A. Rudman, T. Babins, H. J. Weiser, and P. Carman, and Misses Roy Babins, Bella, Lily, Tobe, and Mollie Sommer were there. Mrs. P. Carman poured, assisted by Miss Tobe Sommer. A perfume tray and crystal bottles were presented.

Mrs. L. Cytrynbaum, Bernard Avenue West, was hostess at a tea at Eaton's, honoring Miss Pearl Weiser, a bride-elect of April 4. Other guests were: Mesdames H. J. Weiser, S. Segal, M. Weiser, A. Rudman, P. Carman, A. Schachter, L. Weiser, M. Haber, H. Haber, M. Feldstein, E. Gittleson, L. Saifran, H. Dershowitz, and Misses Alda Babins, Pauline Sommer, Goldie Haber, Sophie Cytrynbaum, and Anna Schachter.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Gottlieb, St. Dominique Street, entertained at supper Misses Sylvia Gottlieb, Sonja Segal, Jennie Sussman, Bernice Varah, Mr. and Mrs. M. Gottlieb, Mr. and Mrs. S. Schacter and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. Wolofsky, Mr. and Mrs. J. Maisel and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. Miller, H. Korenstone, Mr. and Mrs. J. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. J. Millman, Mr. and Mrs. H. Varah and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. Tempolsky, Mr. and Mrs. B. Goldberg, and Mrs. E. Sussman. (Last surname at Chipman, Ont., was in error.)

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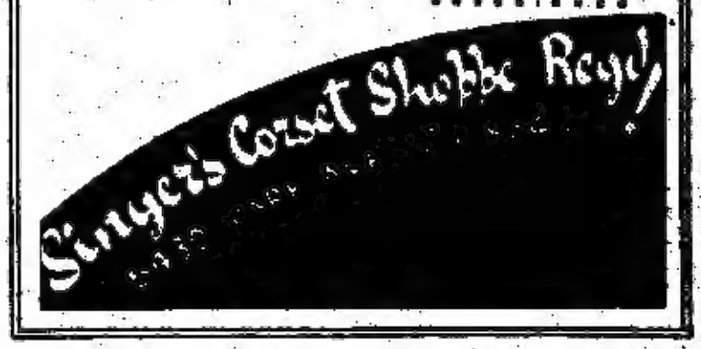

Social Notes—Montreal

Private 1st class Herbert Stanley Klein, U.S. Army Air Corps, who visited his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Klein, Trans-Island Avenue, has returned to Tampa, Florida.

Mrs. [illegible] Lazarus, Queen [illegible] Ave. Auteuil, [illegible] Lorraine, Que. St. [illegible] Lee.

Mesdames I. Levine and B. Stein entertained eight guests at a tea at the Queen's Hotel, honoring their sister, Miss Mollie Urtick, a bride-elect of April.

Mrs. E. Barr, Stirling Avenue, entertained at luncheon at El Morocco, Mrs. Jack Harris of Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Max Steeris was a guest.

Mrs. M. H. Cohen gave a farewell tea for her sister Mrs. Bella Goodman, and her daughter, Freda, who will live with her son, Dr. Lawrence Goodman, of Jamaica, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Malen and Mr. and Mrs. M. Pinsky were hosts at a luncheon for one hundred and ten guests, in honor of Miss Bertha Lotovsky, a bride-elect of June 12. Spring flowers decorated the tables.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Lustgarten, Decharme Avenue, were hosts at a supper party for Miss Bertha Lotovsky, of New York, a bride-elect of June 12. Mrs. J. E. Levine, of Stamford, Conn., was present.

Mrs. A. Singerman, 615 Champagneur Avenue, gave a tea in honor of her niece, Miriam Ruth Weissbein, on her seventh birthday. Covers were laid for twenty guests. Mrs. W. Weissbein assisted in serving at a table decorated with spring flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Steeris, Laurier Avenue West, gave a birthday surprise party for Mrs. E. Barr, Stirling Avenue. About twenty guests were present. The table was decorated with roses, carnations, and tulips, and a birthday cake. Mrs. Jack Harris, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mesdames Samuel Margolese and Harry Spector assisted in serving. The honoree was presented with a gift.

Mrs. Albert Urtick, Maplewood Avenue, gave a tea with thirty guests present, to honor Miss Mollie Urtick, whose marriage takes place in April. Mrs. Harry Finkle, Miss Miriam Lazarus, and Mrs. M. Kahn, who poured. Assorted flowers decorated the table. The honoree was presented with a linen table cloth.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Berlin, Wiseman Avenue, were hosts to thirty guests in honor of their daughter Ellen's sixteenth birthday. The table was decorated with a centerpiece of assorted flowers and tall candles. They also entertained twenty of their daughter's friends.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Spector, Esplanade Avenue, gave a party in honor of their son Burton's sixth birthday. Mrs. Rose Spector, his grandmother, cut the birthday cake. Decorations were carried out in green and white. Thirteen children were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Weiser, Clark Street, were hosts at a dinner to honor Miss Pearl Weiser and Louis Haber, whose marriage will take place on April 4. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. A. Rudman, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cooperman. A centrepiece of roses decorated the table, and an orange juice was presented.

A reception celebrating the engagement of Miss Sally Honig, daughter of I. Honig, of New York, to Irving Hertz, youngest son of Mrs. M. Hertz, Laval Avenue. Table decorations were composed of spring flowers in yellow and white. Supper was served to about thirty guests.

Mrs. Albert Urtick, Maplewood Avenue, gave a tea with thirty guests present, to honor Miss Mollie Urtick, whose marriage takes place on April. Mrs. Harry A. Singer, Decarie Boulevard, at an afternoon and evening; Mrs. Jack Ralph, Davaar Avenue, tea presentation; Mrs. Joseph Schneiderman, and daughter, Gertrude, Grosvenor Avenue, tea presentation at Eaton's; Mrs. Harry Aronson, McEachran Avenue, and Miss Rita Bernstein, Champagneur Avenue, china shower at the former's home; Mrs. E. Blitstein, Dorval Avenue, tea presentation; Mrs. B. Silverman, Champagneur Avenue, and Mrs. A. Rosenbaum, Lajoie Avenue, luncheon and presentation at El Morocco; Mrs. A. Benjamin, Fulton Avenue, luncheon and presentation; Mesdames S. Bailey, S. Goldberg, and H. Gross, linen shower at the Queen's Hotel; Mesdames B. Malkin and J. Malkin, Edward Charles Avenue, dinner, evening, and presentation.

Stopping at Four Seasons Lodge, Ste. Agathe, were: Mr. and Mrs. I. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. M. Kastner, F/O and Mrs. Jack Heitman, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schneiderman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rother, Mrs. Marcus Perlman, Mrs. Myron Lessel; Mrs. N. Birchwood, Mrs. N. Marks, and Mrs. H. Nobleman, of Ottawa; Misses Bacta Nobleman, Ethel Shapiro, Mary Slonsmsky; and B. Irany, Addie Rittenberg, F/O M. Gelfand, W. Lander, H. Saltzman, and Al. Rochman.

Laing's Inn, at Ste. Agathe, had registered: Al. Loria, Toronto; Lionel Marks, Ottawa; Mr. and Mrs. H. Tabelman, Misses Ann Dashiff, Ruth Weissler; Sidney Klein, Ben. Stein, Cecil Mayer; Misses Nettie Frank, Ida Lauvit, Serene Gruberman; Robert Brewhouse; Misses Beatrice Stattner, Marguerite Singer; Leon Beer; Misses Sylvia Bordan, Miriam Sabiel, Evelyn Glickman, Betty Cohen; S. Cadsell, S. Schachter, Jack Maisel, M. Levine; Miss Beatrice Blackman, L. D. Levine, Jack Hecht, S. Rosenbergh, H. L. Singer, Harry Kaufsky, D. Robinson, A. Schaeffer, Leo. Gordon; Misses Miriam Miller, Ray Orenberg; Morris Sheber, Mac. Machlowitch; Misses Dena Kaplan, Tillie Transky; J. Feuster, M. Rosen, Mr. and Mrs. I. Beckerman, Toronto; Jack Chatzman, Mont Joli; Mrs. H. Rosenfeld, Mrs. M. Ginsberg, Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Cohen, Ry. Axelrad, Milda Stein, Sylvia Aber; Bernard Weisler, L. Felsen, Hilda Nudelman, Mr. and Mrs. H. Jagza, Jack Schmeltzer, Eddie Buckler, Misses Ruth Loeb, Rose Cohen, M. Carson, S. Limberger, Misses Rachel Sheeter, Gerda Weisler; and Mr. and Mrs. Sid Brown.

It was a solemn assemblage at which adult speakers took their seats, although Newbold Morris, president of the City Council, spoke briefly to the youthful audience. Dr. Alexander M. Dushkin, executive director of the Jewish Education Committee, and Rabbi Joseph Lookstein, president of New York Board of Jewish Ministers, also spoke briefly.

Mr. Morris referred to the fact that the meeting was being held at the beginning of Brotherhood Week and on Washington's Birthday, declaring: "We don't need Brotherhood Week to make us understand the significance of many races living together . . . but rather to re-dedicate ourselves to the principles on which our country was founded. George Washington was but one of a great number of men who have made sacrifices in order that we might enjoy the privileges and powers and immunities of a free people."

The meeting was opened with a procession of United Nations flags, carried by representatives of the Boy Scouts of America, and the singing of the national anthems: it was closed with a declaration of "sorrow, faith and hope," read by Rodney Post of Christopher Columbus High School in the Bronx, and a pledge on the part of the assemblage never to forget the martyrdom of the Jews in Europe.

A Talmud Torah choir took part in the ceremony. Each member was dressed in a tunic and prayer shawl, with some of the members wearing yellow tunics, representing the yellow badge which the Jews in European ghettos have been forced by the Nazis to wear.

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William Rash, of Toronto, is stationed at Ancienne Lorette.

Mrs. I. Cherry, Holland Avenue, is spending some time in Ste. Agathe.

A. Shapiro, Avenue des Braves, is back after spending some time in Montreal.

David Rash, of Toronto, is stationed at Manning Depot Number 4.

A. Gardner, of Montreal, visited his mother, Mrs. N. Gardner, Moncton Avenue.

Mrs. N. Pedvis and her daughter, Lorraine, Brown Avenue, spent several days with Mrs. F. Roback, of Montreal.

Miss Shirley Bigman, Buade Street, spent a few days at Ste. Agathe.

Miss Florence Pollack, Grande Allee, spent a few days at Ste. Agathe.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lax, of Montreal, spent several days with [illegible] Avenue.

B. Ritchie, of Montreal, spent several days here.

Enal Brith Lodge met at the Community Centre, H. Yaffe, presiding.

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Miss Gertrude Gillman, of Montreal, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. E. Gillman, Lemoyne Street.

Mrs. R. Bain, D'Aiguillon Street, spent a few days in Mont[illegible]

Mrs. R. Porter, [illegible] spending some time with Mrs. J. D. Laiken, Prin[illegible] Street.

Mrs. [illegible] has returned home.

Word has been received that Miss Rachel Shelley, who has been touring Mexico and South America for the past two years, will be in Montreal some time this week.

British School Moves, Meets Friendly Hospitality

By Dr. [illegible]-Greenfield

On Friday, September 1st, 1939, the eve of war, 350 Jewish children assembled in the playground of the Jewish Secondary School at North London. One-third of the children were refugees who had arrived within the last few weeks in the last rush from Hamburg to freedom. Barely escaped from the Nazi oppressor, his shadow now threatened them again. The school had grown during the ten years of its existence. It was and is the foremost Secondary School of Anglo-Jewry and has maintained the high aims set by its founder, the late Rabbi Victor Schonfeld.

There were three separate schools in pre-war days, Boys, Girls, and Preparatory Sections. On the day of the exodus they were all merged together, each carrying food supplies for two days, gas masks, blankets and luggage, from tiny tots to senior school prefects. The London County Council had included the school within the great Government Evacuation Scheme, the greatest ordered evacuation in history. Rehearsals in accordance with instruction had been carried out repeatedly during the last few weeks of crisis. Optimists still hoped that this would turn out to be just another rehearsal — but three years after we are still here in Sheffield, in the heart of Steelshire, about 40 miles from London.

At first we were spread over four neighboring villages, Stotfield, Meppershall, Clifton, Shefford; the intervening few miles made unified action difficult. We have now concentrated our forces in the latter two localities.

From the day we arrived we encountered helpfulness on all sides. The country people had only heard vaguely of Jews, had never lived with them. We arrived without any prior notice of our destination. Within the first two weeks of evacuation we had halls at our disposal in each locality, church and chapel halls, party meeting-places and school-rooms. Three kosher canteens were immediately organized to provide the mid-day meals; the householders with whom the children had been billeted readily co-operated in making allowances for the dietary laws. It was the season of the High Festivals and our sermons and practical Judaism revealed to our Christian friends many a Biblical sentence and commandment. Free church people were especially interested in our welfare—one of their number bought a chapel specially, redecorated and allocated it for our free use.

When our main centre in Shefford was destroyed by fire in the first year, we adapted an old house for our purposes. The Old White House in Shefford has become a beehive of lively activity. We have a small hostel in the garden for boarders, but the majority of the boys and girls continue to enjoy the friendly hospitality of the local householders, although they have their meals at the school. To have retained this friendship for over three years is no small achievement. The school's full-day activities and feeding facilities have eased the host's burdens, but their helpfulness remains a remarkable tribute to the general kindheartedness of this country.

Some hundreds of Jewish girls in the Tel-Aviv area have married British and Australian soldiers, reports the London "Jewish Chronicle."

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Social Notes — Toronto

Mrs. Saltz Gross, Austin Crescent, was in Montreal.

Laurie Slenosky, Forest Hill Road, spent a few days in Detroit, Mich.

Sgt. Richard Tarshis, R.C.A.F., and Mrs. Tarshis, formerly Miss Dolly Cohn, have taken up residence in Kingston.

Charles Kunen, personnel manager of the orchestra of Porgy and Bess Company, visited his nephews and nieces, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Rodness, 397 St. Clements Avenue; and Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Berenson, 162 Castlefield Avenue.

Mrs. Jacob Bucholtz, of Hollywood, Cal., has returned home after spending several weeks with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sternberg, Glenholme Avenue, while here for the marriage of her granddaughter, Miss Sylvia Sternberg, to Allan L. Greenberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Samuel, Forest Hill Road, have returned home after spending a month in Miami, Florida.

Dr. and Mrs. John L. Atkins, Nina Avenue, have returned from New York, where Dr. Atkins attended a convention.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Price and son, Harold, of Mount Vernon, N.Y., are visiting Mrs. Price's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. Yenny, Rusholme Park Crescent.

Captain Edward Lewison, R.C.A.M.C., of Vernon, B.C., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Levenson, Palmerston Boulevard.

Miss Thelma Stulberg, Mt. Pleasant Road, has returned from Philadelphia, where she was the guest of her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Singer.

Corporal Morris Brown, R.C.A.F., Brunswick Avenue, is spending his furlough in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Goldman, Dundas Street West, have returned from Montreal, where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. Fish, and were present at the marriage of Miss Shirley Fish to Pte. Joseph Luxenberg, R.C.O.C.

Cadet Barney J. Danson, Queen's Own Rifles, who has recently returned home on leave from overseas, and is now stationed at Three Rivers, Que., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Danson, Wells Hill Avenue, for ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Minkin, Rollscourt Avenue, are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. S. Zimmer, Borden Street.

Mrs. Samuel Rose and children, Myrna and Monroe, are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. S. Zimmer, Borden Street.

Mrs. Allan Zander, of Buffalo, is the guest of Mrs. Henry Schaefler, 253 Grace Street.

Mrs. Morry Levenson entertained Mrs. Henry Schaeffer and Mrs. Allan Zander, of Buffalo, N.Y., at tea at the Arcadian Court.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Goldman, Dundas Street West, entertained at dinner for Pte. and Mrs. J. Luxenberg, of Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Freedman, 55 Brunswick Avenue, were hosts at dinner with twelve guests in celebration of their second wedding anniversary.

Mrs. M. Fiess, Rusholme Drive, entertained in honor of her daughter, Judith Fern's fourth birthday. About forty-five guests were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shaptro, Vaughan Road, entertained for Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hamber, who are leaving to take up residence in London, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Winer, Ava Road, entertained in honor of Pte. J. Luxenberg, R.C.O.C., and Mrs. Luxenberg, of Montreal, at a dinner and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Kovinsky, 189 Grace Street, gave a family dinner for about fifty guests, to celebrate their silver wedding anniversary.

Mrs. S. Levenstein, Beatrice Street, was hostess at an evening to honor Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zweig, formerly Miss Belma Spiegel. About forty-five guests were present.

Miss Lillian Miller, Borden Street, entertained at a presentation tea at the Royal York Hotel, honoring Miss Shirley Glucksteln, whose marriage to David Pearson takes place on April 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chetrman held a housewarming at their new home, Playter Boulevard. Among the guests was the latter's brother, Murray D. Willer, who recently returned from England by Clipper.

Mesdames P. Sinukoff, R. Sinukoff, D. Sinukoff, A. Padoff, and K. Niren were hostesses at a tea at the Royal York Hotel to honor Miss Thelma Shapiro, whose marriage to Abe Cohen takes place on March 21. There were about forty guests present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Zweig, 53 Beatrice Street, gave a dinner for fifty guests to honor their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zweig, formerly Miss Belma Spiegel, and also entertained at an evening for fifty guests.

Mesdames M. Rose, M. Fuller, J. Fuller, J. Pelchovitz, H. Shopsowitz, and S. Dawson were hostesses at a shower at the Belvin to honor Miss Betty Pelchovitz, whose marriage to David Dawson takes place shortly. About one hundred and forty-five guests were present.

Honoring Mrs. Sydney Magder, formerly Miss Beatrice Zenner, Mrs. Charles Garner gave a presentation tea at Arcadian Court; Miss Greta Cohen, presentation tea at Arcadian Court; Mesdames H. Hands, Allan Zenner, Harold Zenner, and Louis Walton, shower at Chudleigh House for seventy-five guests; Mrs. B. Derlick, cup and saucer shower; and Mrs. Charles Turner, presentation dinner.

Mrs. Philip Romberg entertained at tea at the Tudor Room, Royal York Hotel, to honor the approaching marriage of her daughter, Mulya, to Samuel Rosen. The hostess received, assisted by Mrs. M. Rosen, mother of the groom-elect, and the honoree. Mesdames B. Lampert, L. Stancer, I. Feiderman, and S. Glaster, poured, their assistants being: Mesdames Harry Hertzman, A. Rosen, H. Romberg, D. Fine, and M. Freedman, and Misses Mildred Stancer, Sybil Saunders, and Claire Rotman. About one hundred and fifty-five guests were received.

Mrs. B. W. Goldenberg, 53 Burnside Drive, entertained at a tea to honor her future daughter in-law, Miss Helen Cooper, whose marriage to Henry Goldenberg takes place on March 21. The hostess received in black crepe, with corsage of pink roses, assisted by Mrs. A. Cooper, mother of the bride-elect, in black crepe, and corsage of roses. The honoree wore powder blue wool, and corsage of yellow roses, snapdragons, and forget-me-nots. The tea table, covered with a lace cloth, was centred with pink and white carnations and [illegible]

[illegible] Mrs. Murray Weinberg, Mrs. J. Annis, and Misses Frances Silverberg and Sylvia Wagman. Misses Esther Cooper and Merle Goldenberg were in care of the living-room, while Misses Eve Goldenberg and Miriam Revlin looked after the guests elsewhere. About one hundred and twenty-five called.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Goldhar, 29 Grace Street, were hosts at a dinner and reception at D'Arcy Talmud Torah, to celebrate the bar-mitzvah of their son, Joel. Guests from out-of-town were: Mr. and Mrs. H. Rotenberg and daughter, Frances, of Rochester, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. L. Rosefield, of Hamilton; and Mr. and Mrs. I. Alter and family, of Ingersoll. Mrs. Goldhar received in a gown of white and black lame, and corsage of white and red roses. She was assisted by Mrs. L. Goldhar, in salmon pink lame, with corsage of red and yellow roses; Mrs. D. Eisen, in red paisley, and corsage of white and yellow roses; R. Goldhar, in black taffeta, with sequin appliques, and corsage of red and yellow roses; Mrs. S. Zeltzer, in black taffeta, trimmed with velvet, and corsage of red and white roses; Mrs. S. Goldhar, in black crepe, with red embroidered jacket, and corsage of red and white roses; and Miss Shirley Goldhar, only sister of the bar-mitzvah, in blue crepe and net, and corsage of red roses. Max Myers was toastmaster, and J. Frankel and the bar-mitzvah spoke. About three hundred guests were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Max D. Eisen, 589 Euclid Avenue, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at a dinner at the Belvia. Mr. and Mrs. Eisen were married in New York and have lived in Toronto, in the same home for the past thirty years. Seated at the head table before a large wedding cake were: Mr. and Mrs. Eisen, their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Bloomstone, and son, Avrum, of Montreal; their daughter, Minnie; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Eisen, of Montreal; Dr. Milton E. Eisen, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Irving Eisen and daughters Mona and Sally, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eisen, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shekter, Mr. and Mrs. M. Freedman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Spreckman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Rosenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goldberg, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Steinberg, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bronsten, and Jack Birsteiner, of New York. Mrs. Eisen wore a blue crepe gown, and corsage of roses. Frank Goldberg was master of ceremonies, and Charles Foster, Henry S. Rosenberg and L. Shekter, spoke.

Mrs. Joseph Magder was tea hostess at the Tudor Room, Royal York Hotel, to honor her daughter, Betty, whose marriage to Ben. Halperin takes place on April 4. Mrs. Magder received in black chiffon, with corsage of Johanne Hill roses, assisted by Mrs. S. Halperin, mother of the groom-elect, in black crepe with white bodice, and corsage of American Beauty roses. The honoree wore turquoise blue crepe with rhinestone trimmed bodice, and a plume of matching shade in her hair, with corsage of Talisman roses. The tea table, covered with a damask cloth, held ivory tapers and was centred with a bowl of roses, daffodils, irises and stevia. It was presided over by Mesdames J. Newman, B. Rosen, N. Davis, A. Lister, J. Weis and O. Pichon; their assistants being: Misses Betty Magder, Anne Magder, Doris Witchell, Clare Halperin, Lillian Magder, Gertrude Milrod, Evelyn Swartz, and Mrs. I. Wallace and Mrs. B. Rosen. Miss Evelyn Wiseman sang throughout the afternoon, accompanied by Ben Lewis at the piano. About one hundred and ten guests called, among them being: Mrs. S. Lefkovitz, of Fisheyet, Ont.; Mrs. P. Swartz, Misses Evelyn and Florence Swartz, and Mrs. J. Lewis, of Ottawa; and Mrs. S. Rabkin, of Hamilton.

MARRIAGES

Harnick-Wolfe

Mr. and Mrs. H. Wolfe, Queen Street West, announce the marriage of their daughter, Pearl, to Dr. Louis B. Harnick, R.C.A.M.C., son of Mrs. M. Harnick, Beverley Street, which took place on March 14, Rabbi Samuel Sachs officiating.

Wilner-Goldstein

The marriage of Claire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Goldstein, Grace Street, to Percy, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Wilner, Ossington Avenue, took place at Adath Israel Synagogue, March 14, Rabbi A. Kelman and Cantor D. Glick officiating. The bride, given in marriage by her parents, wore an afternoon dress of white sheer fashioned on princess lines, with appliques of lace. Her shoulder-length veil of tulle illusion fell from a matching white hat, and she carried a bouquet of Calla lilies. Miss Lillian Goldstein, her sister, was maid of honor, in powder blue sheer and lace, and carried a nosegay of roses. Samuel Wilner, brother of the groom, was best man. A buffet luncheon followed. The bride's mother wore mauve crepe, and corsage of yellow roses and sweetpeas. The groom's mother wore black crepe, and corsage of American beauty roses. The couple left for Niagara Falls, and will live in Toronto.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mrs. Anne Williams, Kensington Avenue, announces the engagement of her daughter, Florence, (Faigie) to Sidney, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Moskowitz, Palmerston Boulevard.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Hadler, 532 Palmerston Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Bessie Miriam, to Kurt Pine, of Pittsburgh, Pa., son of Mrs. Pine and the late I. Y. Pine, of Palestine. Miss Hadler is a graduate of the University of Toronto, and Mr. Pine is a graduate of the University of Berlin. Both are attending the School of Applied Social Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh. Their marriage will take place shortly in Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Chousky, Ronlea Road, announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Belle, to Nathan, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Reitzer, Silver [illegible]

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• TORONTO MEETINGS •

• **HADASSAH:** Pearle Goodfellow Chapter met at the home of Mrs. R. Switzer, with Mrs. H. R. Lepofsky presiding. Annual Youth Aliyah tea is on April 4, at the home of Mrs. H. Tabor, 18 Coolmine Road. A prize donated by the hostess was won by Mrs. B. Sniderman.

• **PRIDE OF ISRAEL** Sick Benefit Society: War efforts committee is holding a variety show at Massey Hall, on Saturday, March 27, proceeds to be contributed to: Red Cross British Bomb Victims Fund; the Canadian Aid to Russia; Youth Aliyah; Canadian Jewish Congress; war charities. Program by the Ukrainian Symphony Orchestra, choir and dancers, and Sydney Paul, tenor, who has been attending the Peabody Conservatory of Music at Baltimore, Md., on a scholarship, accompanied at the piano by his wife, Mrs. Paul. Tickets from Harry Lepofsky, president, Lo. 8438; Irving S. Albert, chairman of the war efforts committee, Lo. 2167; or William S. Rosen, public Relations director, Ll. 8362.

• **DEBORAH CHAPTER,** O. E. S., annual Purim tea on Sunday, March 28, from 4 to 8 p.m., will be given at the home of Mrs. H. [illegible]

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• Wanted, Jewish girls from 20 to 24 for small charity group. Miss Phoebe Silverstone, Ll. 3223.

• **HEBREW WOMEN'S SOCIAL SERVICE** and Convalescent Home, Mrs. H. Freedman presiding, made an appeal for Youth Aliyah, and $150 was collected. Cheques were also sent to Mizrachi and the Red Cross. Dr. S. Copeland spoke and showed slides.

• **A. Z. A.** Junior Bnai Brith: Bernard Weiner, Frank Weiner, Louis Zeifman and Samuel Wolfe, president of Chapter 103, attended a War Service Convention of District 1 in New York. Samuel Wolfe won second place in the oratory contest and was elected vice-president of the district. Events were: War memorial service to twenty-five members killed in action in World War II; a war efforts panel and discussion; and a victory dance, in the grand ballroom of the Hotel New Yorker. A meeting of London, Hamilton and Toronto chapters was held in London. Julius Bisno, director of Washington, D.C., was guest speaker. Melville Goldberg, president of the Southern Ontario Region, was presented with a shield of David Award for meritorious service. Hillcrest, and 103 Chapters, working with Youth Aliyah for their Carnival Night, and will care for the annual twenty-five needy families for Passover. Open for membership to boys, 14-18. Call Samuel Wolfe, Ge. 3688; or Cecil Davidson, Ld. 0027.

• **HEBREW FREE SCHOOL** and Jewish Centre annual meeting is on Sunday March 21, at 2:30 p.m., in the Centre. Jacob Andrews, president of the Talmud Torah; Edward E. Gelber, chairman; and Wilfred Gordon will take part. Nominations and elections. Program will include a Purim presentation by the kindergarten, supervised by Miss Sarah Steinhauer. M. Stencil, principal of the United Talmud Torahs of Montreal, will be guest speaker.

APPROACHING MARRIAGES

Mr. and Mrs. Sol. Carman announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Ruth Roslyn, to Harold Klein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Klein, of Edmonton, Alta., to take place on May 23.

Miss Sylvia Levitt, daughter of Mrs. M. Levitt, 78 St. Patrick Street, will be married to Edward Leibovitz, of the Ontario College of Pharmacy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Leibovitz, 608 Dufferin Street, on March 23, at Goel Tzedec Synagogue.

BAR-MITZVAHS

Mr. and Mrs. B. Flexgold, 123 Albany Avenue, announce the bar-mitzvah of their son, Irving, to take place on Saturday, March 20, at Shomrai Shabbth Synagogue, at 9 a.m. Kiddush at 1 p.m., at Chudleigh House.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Silverstein, 207½ Markham Street, announce the bar-mitzvah their son, Ezra, to take place on Saturday, March 20, at 9 a.m., at Euclid Avenue Synagogue, 297 Euclid Avenue. Reception is on Sunday, March 28, at 6 p.m., at home.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving of our darling daughter and sister, Edith Dobrotsky, who passed away on March 16, 1939. Ever remembered by her Mother, Dad and brothers, Saul and Louis.

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Word has been received of the safe arrival in Australia, of 1st Lieutenant Sydney Scher, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Scher, 527 Euclid Avenue. Lieutenant Scher was connected with the Leroy Sanitoriums, in New York, before enlisting in the American Army. His older brother, Captain Joseph N. Scher, is stationed at New Haven, Conn., and was practicing in Mount Clemens, Mich., for fifteen years before joining.

BIRTHS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Isaacs (nee Toby Ellias) 34 Chatsworth Road, on March 11, at Toronto General Hospital, a son, Ellis David. Grandparents are Mrs. Raye Isaacs, of London, England, and Mrs. Pauline Ellias.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. I. Scolnick (nee Bertha Goldman) Palmerston Avenue, at Mount Sinai Hospital, on March 11, a daughter, Ellen Judith. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goldman, Major Street; and Mrs. B. Scolnick, Palmerston Avenue.

Born, to Aircraftsman Philip Glauzer, R.C.A.F., and Mrs. Glauzer, (nee Lillian Weinberg) 1883 Avenue Road, at Toronto Western Hospital, on March 14, a son, Lisa Lazar, (Lawrence). Grandparents are Mrs. Helen Weinberg, Bathurst Avenue; and Moses Glauzer, of Montreal.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John Kenneth Silverstein, 223 Windsor Crescent, London, Ontario, (nee Rose Layefsky, formerly of Toronto) at London Victoria Hospital, March 11, a daughter, Lynne Sharon. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Layefsky, 235 Montrose Avenue; and Mrs. Ida Silverstein, of London.

Born, to Lieutenant and Mrs. William Snider (nee Anne Landau) 1850 Bathurst Street, on February 24, at Toronto Western Hospital, a son, John David. Grandparents are Mrs. A. Lister, Vaughan Road; and H. Landau.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Wortzman (nee Myna Godfrey) Strathearn Road, on March 13, at Toronto General Hospital, a son. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M. Godfrey, 230 Rushton Road; and Mr. and Mrs. A. Wortzman, Palmerston Boulevard.

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Mr. and Mrs. Morris Grossman, 146 Brunswick Avenue, Toronto, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

—Murray Wortman

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You're sent to the doghouse to grieve for your sin,
Don't prove you belong there by growling and whining!
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MARRIAGES

Meltzer-Mudrick

The marriage of Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mudrick, 208 Crawford Street, to Sidney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Meltzer, of Winnipeg, Man., took place on March 7, at Chudleigh House, Cantor Jacob Lev officiating. The bride, who was given in marriage by her parents, wore an afternoon dress of pale blue silk, with matching hat and shoulder-length veil, and corsage of roses. Murray Mudrick, brother of the bride, was best man. Miss Anna Dean sang "Because," accompanied by Miss Raye Mudrick, who played the wedding music. Receiving, the bride's mother wore black crepe, with corsage of roses; the groom's mother light blue crepe and corsage of roses. The couple will live in Saskatchewan. Out-of-town guests were Mrs. A. Estrin and Mrs. M. Michaels, of Winnipeg, Man.

Belcher-Marshall

The marriage of Sylvia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Marshall, 623 College Street, to Albert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russel Belcher, 92 Delaware Avenue, took place on March 6, at Chudleigh House, Rabbi Samuel Sachs officiating. The bride, given in [illegible] wore [illegible] of blue [illegible] and [illegible] of flowers. [illegible] Mrs. Charlotte Belcher, sister of the groom, was maid of honor, in pink silk jersey, with matching hat, and carried a nosegay of Talisman roses. Michael Lanzer was best man. At the dinner, the bride's mother received in navy and rose lace, with corsage of pale pink roses. The groom's mother wore navy and white, and corsage of deep red roses. The couple left on a wedding trip to Montreal, and will live in Toronto. Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. Coleman, of Montreal; Mrs. M. Sherman, of Belleville; Mr. and Mrs. S. Vinick, of Flint, Mich.; and Mrs. C. Kroll, of New York.

● TORONTO MEETINGS ●

● **COMBINED PALESTINE APPEAL** leaders' dinner will be addressed by Dr. Harry J. Stern, Rabbi, of Montreal, at the Belvin, on Monday, March 22, at 6:30 p.m. S. J. Zacks, chairman of the campaign, and Joseph Lubotta, chairman of the Trade Groups, will preside. Representatives of organizations, synagogues, societies and women's auxiliaries formed a council for the Appeal, at a meeting addressed by Mr. Zacks, Miss Lily Sheriton, Harry Botstick, M. Goldstick, S. A. Abelin, Rabbi S. Sachs. Jack Gringorten was chairman. Arrangements Committee of the Appeal: Mrs. D. Dunkelman, chairman; Mesdames L. Adelberg, M. K. Buchner, D. Elson, C. Foster, W. Goldstein, H. James, M. Johnson, L. James, L. Kert, B. Lazenberg, C. Markson, J. Rashansky, H. S. Rosenberg, C. Rotenberg, A. Solway, J. Sherman, M. S. Till, J. Lubotta, A. Schwartz, N. Spiegel.

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● **COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN** Music Appreciation Group presents Elie Spivak, first violinist of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, accompanied by Leo Barkin, as guest artist at the annual Scholarship musicale, on Thursday, March 25, Art Gallery. Norman Wilks, principal of Toronto Conservatory of Music, will speak on "The Value Of Scholarships". Friends welcome. Tea will be served from 3 to 3:45. Mr. Spivak will play on his famous Stradivarius which is two hundred years old. Convenors are Mrs. Elie Spivak, Mo. 3040; Mrs. R. Singer, Mrs. H. Weiss. Mrs. Harold Levi, Lonsdale Road, president of the Council of Jewish Women, entertained the executive of the Music Appreciation Group.

● **ADATH ISRAEL** Ladies' Auxiliary held a money shower at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Shachter, Queen Street East. Hostesses: Mesdames A. Shachter, M. Goldberg, A. Brown, D. Siegal, L. Shachter, L. Hertzman. Sunday school Purim party is on March 21; Purim bridge, March 23, at 8 p.m., at 557 Bathurst Street.

● **OUR CLUB** held their initation and installation at the home of Miss Helen Garfinkel, 1 Silverwood Avenue. President is Miss Eva Garulick; others, Misses Ruth Goldman, Ruth Sperling, Reba Zaidin, Mildred Volpe, Mrs. Charles Meckler. Pledges initiated were Misses Mildred Volpe and Tillie Stein. Holder of the winning ticket for a $10 War Savings Certificate was Miss Tess Burmack.

● **NATIONAL COUNCIL** of Jewish Juniors, Miss Anita Alexander presiding, heard Miss Pearl Eisen read the minutes. Annual tea, at the home of Miss Pearl Kleinoff, [illegible] Sunday, May 2, [illegible] Mildred Volpe, Miss Tilly Zaidins, [illegible] Montreal, March 27, 28, 29, will be attended by Misses Anita Alexander, Pearl Kleinoff, Mildred Posner, Mrs. Harry List.

● **EPSILON LAMBDA PHI** Sorority entertained at a presentation tea at the Royal York Hotel to honor Mrs. Sydney Magder, formerly Miss Beatrice Zenner.

THE NEW ZIONISM IS MILITARISTIC AND NATIONALISTIC

(Continued from Page Eight)

well financed campaign to achieve their ends, and they have obtained the support of many prominent non-Jews, at least some of whom must be quite ignorant of the implications of the program they have endorsed.

We have no quarrel with Zionism as such. We admire the work the Jews have done in Palestine and fully appreciate the important contribution which Palestine is making to the winning of the war. We shall always fight for the right of any Jews who wish to go there. But the new, militaristic, nationalistic and all-embracing Zionism of today is an entirely different matter.

The Jews of Europe have suffered so terribly in the great world tragedy through which we are all passing, their agony has been so much greater than that of most other groups, that it is an ungrateful task to criticise any efforts which may be made to help them. Yet the idea of putting the Jews into a separate army and making of all the Jews a separate people seems so much like the complement of the Nazi attitude toward them that it can hardly be accepted without careful examination.

In considering the problem which Hitler's maniacal anti-Semitism presents, it is essential to distinguish between emergency measures and long-run cures. This is precisely what the new Zionism fails to do. Because we cannot save them where they are, it is imperative that we bring as many as possible of Hitler's victims out of Europe at once. But this does not mean, as some Zionists hold, that the Jews have never been at home in Europe and never will be. Nor does it mean that they must be forced, or even urged, to find permanent homes elsewhere.

Undoubtedly there will be a heavy residue of anti-Semitism left in certain parts of Europe after Hitler and all his followers have been swept away. There will be parts of Europe into which most Jews will prefer not to venture. But we should not let the frank recognition of these unpleasant facts lead us to counsels of despair. There are large areas of Europe in which Jews have been perfectly at home for many years. Even in pre-Hitler Germany anti-Semitism was confined to a small minority of the population. In Western Europe it had not been a major problem for decades, and in some countries of Western Europe literally for centuries.

Yet the new Zionism assumes exactly what the Nazis claim, that the Jews are a race apart, that they have never achieved more than grudging tolerance in Europe, and that they never will. "We are tired . . . of going under countless pseudonyms and of being 'Poles,' 'Czechs,' 'Greeks,' or even 'Palestinian,'" one of the advertisements of the New Zionist Organization of America reads. "WE HAVE A NAME—WE ARE JEWS!" This is precisely what Hitler and Goebbels say.

Just how far the proposal to segregate the Jews is being carried even by their friends is well illustrated in a recent radio speech by Sen. Edwin C. Johnson of Colorado. Senator Johnson proposed that all the Jews of military age in French North Africa "be organized into a separate unit within the ranks of the American Expeditionary Force." Yet such a move would continue the separate status which Vichy has imposed on the Jews of France, under direct Nazi prodding.

If we are ever to eliminate the scourge of anti-Semitism from the world, we must not give way to such counsels as these. We must rather recognize anti-Semitism for what it is, a disease, a neurosis, and determine to cure it. That it can be cured is shown by experiences of Western Europe, and even more by the experience of the Soviet Union. It is to these examples that we must look for the solution, and not to the psychopathic aberrations of Hitler. We must resolve to give to all the Jews of Europe at least the degree of equality, of security and opportunity which they enjoy in England and the United States. If we do that, a Jewish homeland, a Jewish army and a Jewish flag will hardly be necessary.

METROPOLITAN LIFE BUSINESS REPORT FOR 1942

OBLIGATIONS TO POLICYHOLDERS, BENEFICIARIES, AND OTHERS

Policy Reserves Required by Law . . . . . This amount, together with future premiums and interest, is required to assure payment of all future policy benefits.	$5,186,714,637.87
Reserve for Policy Benefits under Supplementary Contracts	[illegible]
Policyholders' Left with the Company	30,366,637.94
Policy Claims Currently Outstanding	30,207,543.89
Other Policy Obligations	18,998,006.98
Taxes Due or Accrued	17,542,348.89
Miscellaneous Liabilities	18,083,549.37
Reserve for Mortgage Loans . . . . . To provide against possible depreciation in value of such loans.	17,000,000.00
Reserved for Dividends to Policyholders . . . . . Set aside for payment in 1943 to those policyholders eligible to receive them.	102,733,947.00
TOTAL OBLIGATIONS	$5,612,846,586.12

ASSETS WHICH ASSURE FULFILLMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

Government Securities . . . . . U. S. Government, $1,648,651,000.43; Canadian Governments, $125,210,000.00.	$1,773,894,288.52
Other Bonds . . . . . [illegible]	2,494,386,497.48
Stocks . . . . . All but $216,750.00 are Preferred or Guaranteed.	81,966,966.00
First Mortgage Loans on Real Estate . . . . . Farms, $68,388,287.46; Other Property, $865,651,494.00.	933,431,781.46
Loans on Policies	453,940,104.42
Real Estate Owned . . . . . Includes $134,258,661.31 Housing Projects and real estate for Company use, and $71,670,000.49 real estate under contract of sale.	383,026,409.36
Cash	158,765,194.49
Premiums, Deferred and in Course of Collection, net	95,913,691.38
Interest and Rents Due and Accrued, etc.	61,893,102.56
TOTAL ASSETS TO MEET OBLIGATIONS . .	$5,994,915,576.58

SURPLUS FUNDS $382,069,190.46

The Company holds total assets which exceed the total of its obligations by $382,069,190.46, for the purpose of giving added assurance that all benefits to policyholders and beneficiaries will be paid in full as they fall due. This amount is composed of

Special Surplus Funds . . $82,300,000.00 **Unassigned Funds (Surplus) . . $300,769,190.46**

and serves as a margin of safety against possible unfavourable experience, whether due to war or other conditions.

NOTE—Assets carried at $271,804,055.40 in the above statement are deposited with various public officials under requirements of law or regulatory authority. Canadian business embraced in this statement is reported on the basis of year of exchange.

Life Insurance in Force, End of 1942 . $26,867,670,154

Paid-for Life Insurance Issued During 1942 . $2,801,813,988 **Amount Paid to Policyholders During 1942 . $833,834,457.61**

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1942 OPERATIONS IN CANADA

These highlights of the Company's business in the Dominion during 1942 will be of particular interest to Metropolitan Canadian policyholders and their beneficiaries.

Investments in Canada:

Dominion Government Bonds	$132,810,424.99
Provincial and Municipal Bonds	92,368,974.32
All other investments	104,400,070.81
	$329,079,470.12

Included in the above figures are Victory and War Loan investments of $60,000,000.

Payments to Canadian Policyholders and their beneficiaries during 1942—$30,207,000.00.

Life Insurance in Force in Canada, end of 1942:

Ordinary	$796,359,074
Industrial	482,800,803
Group	130,077,666
	$1,403,237,543

Number of policies in force in Canada, end of 1942—2,783,391.

Paid-for Life Insurance issued in Canada during 1942—$237,000,000.

The total amount the Metropolitan has paid to Canadians since it entered Canada in 1872, plus the amount now invested here, exceeds the total premiums received from Canadians by more than $199,750,000.

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Commentaries

By Dr. Harry J. Stern, Rabbi

Will The New Purim Come Too Late?

On Sunday next we shall re-read the ancient story of Jewish persecution and the miraculous escape of our people from annihilation as set forth in The Book of Esther. This dramatic book of the Bible is the only book devoted in its entirety to observance of a festival, that of Purim.

The Feast of Purim is of therapeutic value. Its story is ever fresh in appeal. We delight to read of the heroism of Esther and Mordecai in saving the Jewish people from the cruel machinations of the villainous Haman. In the Purim narrative the Jew finds a source of great strength and courage. The prototype of Haman has arisen in every land and in every clime, but, even as Jews merited deliverance in the days of the Medes and Persians, so have they merited deliverance from the tyrants who have come upon the world's stage and sought to destroy the Jew.

The Book of Esther brings to the Jew of today a message of great hope. Though once again the ancient drama of persecution is being enacted, we know that "the Watchman of Israel sleepeth not nor slumbereth." It is quite natural for us of faith to believe that a new Purim is dawning. The Hitlers of every land are now faced with doom and gallows as the forces of righteousness are mounting in strength of arms and resolve.

Israel on Purim must be strengthened in faith to realize that God is our refuge and help. The forces of wickedness may triumph for but a little while, but God, the source of justice and righteousness, is at work and in cooperation with men who are seeking righteousness brings to destruction, tyranny.

The Jew must re-affirm his faith in the Divine Mission. The Jew, when sure of this mission, cannot die. His suffering becomes meaningful. Israel lives to soften the conscience of mankind. Through our suffering we Jews have awakened mankind to the meaning of sympathy, the meaning of the in-

[illegible] the new Purim by [illegible]

[illegible] all [illegible] with [illegible] ourselves from the rest of Israel. No Jew is secure if any community of Israel anywhere is under attack. All Jews are responsible for one another. Hence on Purim we Jews of the Americas must pledge never to forget our brothers and sisters in the lands across the seas, who innocently have come to suffer and whose innocent lives have been taken by the modern wicked Haman and his evil conspirators.

Strong must be our faith and every one in that faith must prove a Mordecai and Esther so that the new Purim Festival may not come too late for our brethren languishing in the torture chambers and concentration camps of Nazi dominated Europe. With solemn resolve must we labor and do battle in the cause of human redemption. We dare not doubt. We dare not surrender to pessimism. With all men who love freedom we await The New Purim for Israel and all mankind, the celebration of a new deliverance from Hamanism in all its latest forms.

On Purim we pray: "May the love and sympathy that brother feels for brother impel us to acts of service and sacrifice, so that the suffering and misery wrought by men may be alleviated, and the hope of the crushed spirit rekindled. Hasten the day when hate and strife shall cease to divide the family of men, and justice and love reign supreme in the world."

A Soldier's Faith

The following letter from a Montrealer overseas speaks for itself. It is written in a splendid resolution of deep religious faith and gives evidence of our fighting youth's high purpose and idealism:

My whole attitude has greatly changed due to my visit to London. It was the well-needed tonic that took me out of the doldrums and restored my spirits. . . . You have no conceivable idea, though you have read much, just what this great city has undergone. Picture, if you can, large sections of buildings and historic sights, of stores and private dwellings completely demolished, the only attestation to their ever having existed being the gaping holes and rocks standing in their former places.

It is a heartrending sight to walk through these sections and gaze at these once massive buildings torn asunder. Your mind cannot possibly conceive of how a people could stand for so much, unflinchingly. But then, that is the average Englishman. Full of tradition and spirit, never for a single moment complaining (and he has much to complain about) or doubting his ability to see it through. I was able to speak to many of these heroic people, and became hypnotized with their courage and bravery. They, as no one nation on earth, fully deserve the admiration of the world, and some day, I am sure, history will record their feats for posterity.

Along more pleasant channels of thought and conversation, London itself. What a remarkable city! Historically it is a tourist's delight, for almost everywhere you go you can see sights that recall great moments and eras of the past centuries, preserved in all their quaintness and splendor for generations to come. One thing I must repeat, and that is my visit to the "Heaven of God", St. Paul's Cathedral. This is by far the most inspiring sight that I have ever seen or hope to see. Now St. Paul's is situated in the City of Westminster, which is one of the sections where the Nazis wrought awful destruction. All around this Cathedral were holes and shambles of once great places now almost completely destroyed. But there in the centre, stood St. Paul's, God's living answer to our enemies.

I wasn't able to spend nearly enough time there. What I did see I shall never forget. I found myself walking, hat in hand, in the vast Cathedral itself, which seats on this particular floor more than 5,000. Indescribably beautiful paintings are to be found everywhere, and the figures of great men and moments in history are preserved for our admiration and wonderment by artists whose great hands make these people and events live today. That in itself is only a small section of St. Paul's. But it does something to your soul. It gives you a Godlike belief in religion and purity; it makes you feel ashamed and humble, and on leaving this great edifice, you are religiously happy, for if ever you doubted God and Handiwork, there is nothing left in your mind and soul, except that which is clean and pure and righteous.

Every Londoner, every Englishman, has a pardonable pride in this city. For he has seen it reel and nearly topple under the merciless poundings of our enemies. Now the worst is but an awful memory, a blot in the pages of crime and history, one that will be answered and fully repaid. The Axis will feel the full fury of an outraged world, who in their march to Victory will remember London and what it has had to take. Never for a moment doubt our ability to see this thing through, and to vindicate mankind, and rid the world of tyranny. Victory is but a matter of time, and time in this case, as in all cases, travels very very fast!

Bram Rubinovich.
Canadian Army Overseas.

every friday

"Sometimes when people censure me,
I tell them without rancor
That for what it cost me to be free,
I might have had an easier."

Under the heading "Assembly Promises Post-War Jewish Unity", the March issue of the National Jewish Monthly, published by the Bnai Brith Order, describes the conference of organizations held in Pittsburgh in January. It had been called by the "brilliant action" of Henry Monsky, lodge president, "to discuss in a preliminary way how unity might best be achieved with reference to Jewish post-war problems and the upbuilding of Palestine." Thirty-five organizations had been invited to send delegates and thirty-two sent them. According to the National Jewish Monthly, those delegates represented one million of the 4,750,000 Jews in the United States.

The major decision was that an American Jewish Assembly should be invoked within five months, as the Monthly says, "to provide American Jews with a unified voice, so that when it speaks, the world will understand." Understand what? Zivion, writer in the Jewish Daily Forward, of New York, said bitterly that the calling of an American Jewish Assembly is no more than an attempt on the part of the American Jewish Congress to force "Zionist totalitarian unity" upon Jewish life.

But the Jewish Morning Journal, as quoted in the Monthly, was all elation over what must have been some meeting. It said: "The entire audience broke out in a stormy demonstration and applause for those who initiated the preliminary conference and for Bnai Brith, and Mr. Monsky himself, overwhelmed by the unity, sank in his chair and wept. He could barely make a response to this spontaneous manifestation but his reply was so simple, human, and statesmanlike that the audience renewed its demonstration, and left in a joyous mood, in an atmosphere of a great historic drama which will have its place in the Jewish history of all time."

Reporting like the above, with the bars down, adds to the gayety of nations in bleak times, and it is nice to know that all the great historic drama which has its place in the Jewish history of all time is not just locked up in the libraries, but that some of it can be encountered at a Bnai Brith conference in Pittsburgh, Pa., wonderful to say. And it is easy to believe that Mr. Monsky was so overwhelmed by the unity that he sank in his chair and wept. Almost anybody would be who has heard as many cries for unity raised by the American Jewish Congress as a lodge member of Mr. Monsky's middle age must have heard. Mr. Monsky also may have been hearing voices from the past chanting: "Peace, peace, and there is no peace." Or maybe he was taking to heart the galling fact that the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Labor Committee were not represented, something to think about since, undoubtedly, he would be perfectly willing to [illegible] at least [illegible] these two

[illegible] that "the best minds in American Jewry will be present, as well as representatives of the great rank and file." There have been rumors to the effect that conversations toward compromise are going on between Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, new president of the American Jewish Committee, and a sub-committee of the Assembly on certain conditions laid down by Mr. Proskauer, said to include restrictions on Assembly action and the duration of the Assembly's existence after the end of the war. At present writing no decision has been made public.

When he reviewed efforts for unity made from 1908 on, Mr. Monsky told the Pittsburgh conference that, "The right of the Jewish people to rebuild their homeland in Palestine, recognized more than a quarter of a century ago, has now again become the subject of controversy." Describing the conflict between Zionists and non-Zionists he said: "Many Jews and non-Jews sympathetic with us in our tragic plight, are so confused, so discouraged, and so frightened by the spectacle as to deem it necessary to withdraw their support from all programs devoted to the welfare of our people."

The annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee at which Judge Proskauer was elected president issued a statement of principles in which it said in part: "With respect to the government of Palestine, we recognize wide divergence of opinion and that under existing conditions, there should be no preconceived formula at this time as to the permanent political structure which shall obtain there.

The New Zionism Is Militaristic And Nationalistic

The New Republic says:

As the tempo of Hitler's demoniac campaign to exterminate the Jews of Europe mounts, so also does the demand for immediate retaliations. This demand takes different forms in different mouths. Some urge that the United Nations create temporary havens of refuge in Allied and neutral countries and Palestine and begin negotiations with Germany, through neutral intermediaries, for the release from German-occupied countries of all surviving Jews, or at the very least the children among them. Some suggest that a United Nations commission be formed to gather evidence on Nazi crimes against Jews and other innocent civilians and publish its findings now. Coupled with this suggestion is the proposal that in their broadcasts to the Axis peoples the Allies constantly remind their listeners that all those found guilty of crimes against Jews and others will be held to strict accountability after the victory of our arms.

All these demands seem temperate and wise. It is regrettable that they should not have been put into effect long ago. It is now nearly three months since the United Nations issued their joint declaration condemning the Nazi atrocities. Yet even today the declaration has not been implemented by any positive action. Meanwhile there is strong evidence that the Jews of Europe are being systematically murdered at the rate of at least seven thousand a day, and perhaps much more rapidly still. How many non-Jews are also being eliminated no one dares to guess.

Unfortunately other demands are also being raised which seem neither temperate nor wise. As in the last world war, so again in this an extreme Jewish nationalism is coming to the fore. Though they are without any mandate to do so, the advocates of this new Zionism pretend to speak for all the Jews of Europe, if not of the entire world. They demand the immediate creation of a Jewish army of stateless and Palestinian Jews and the admission of the Jewish people to the councils of the United Nations as an equal partner in war and peace. They are conducting a widespread and

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Since we hold that in the United States, as in all other countries, Jews, like all others of their citizens are nationals of those nations and of no other, there can be no political identification of Jews outside of Palestine with whatever government may there be instituted."

More of the nature of the schism which is rending American Jewry apart can be understood from an address by Maurice Wertheim whom Judge Proskauer has succeeded as president of the American Jewish Committee, the most influential body in the Jewish community. Mr. Wertheim said in part:

"There is no question but that we have the platform from which the proper basic direction can come, namely, that Jews in America are of American, and no other, nationality. In standing for this principle we believe that we represent not merely the views of our Corporate Members, but the deepest and innermost aspirations of the [illegible]

[illegible] the view that variety of outlook was salutary and that vitality in communal life was sustained by honestly different points of view, honestly held. I still feel that way, but the war and the tragedy that have befallen Jews throughout the world, impose upon us a mandate to make every effort for the maximum unity of action within the bounds of basic differences. I daresay that no one will maintain that we have at all times approached our differing points of view with calm intelligence and without prejudice. But we must do it now. . . .

"If this veil of internecine strife were lifted, with what relief and happiness would we then go forth to execute the mighty tasks we are called upon to perform! . . . We were the first organization which, two years ago, formally offered to relinquish our defense work, constituting, in the past few years, our major activity, and integrate it with that of all other defense organizations under the aegis of a unified body for defense, which was to carry out that task without reference to differing ideologies. Unhappily, this could not be brought about. . . .

"The obstacles, of course, lie in the deep rift in American Jewish life that has been caused by the conflicting ideologies of Zionism or non or anti-Zionism (or, as I prefer to call it, anti-Nationalism) and the extremism that has invaded areas of Jewish activity where, by every rational standard, it has no place. Frankly, the dispassionate observer might well find it a deplorable spectacle. The lengths it has gone to, the activities it has paralyzed, and the personal antagonisms it has developed, have brought us to the point where the real issues have been obscured, if not almost forgotten. . . . It boots neither side to dogmatize upon the eventual character of Jewish survival. This must always remain a matter of personal belief. We are trying to understand our differences and then, as well-disposed persons, to find common ground on which we can act. . . .

"We of the American Jewish Committee know that we cannot, nor would we even consider abandoning our fundamental point of view that we are Americans of the Jewish faith, of American nationality, and that we can never permit anything that threatens to affect this status. Failing to reach agreement, there will be only one alternative for us: our Committee would have to make its position crystal-clear, forthrightly, and forcibly, and then, as they say in England, 'go to the country.' Firm as we must be in this resolve, I would regard it as calamitous if that had to happen, and I sincerely hope that realistic statesmanship and wisdom on both sides will make such a course unnecessary."

There is general agreement everywhere that unity is desirable. The problem is to find a basis for it between groups that hold such conflicting philosophies of Jewish life. The deep differences are basic and cannot be composed. For either side to ask the other to give up its ideas and accept those of the other side would be a manifestation of intolerance and arrogance following the Fascist way of thinking. It is most unfortunate that often those who cry loudest for unity mean by unity that those who disagree with them must renounce their beliefs, give up their right to *differ*, and submit to standardization in thought. If that is unity as in Hitler's order unity. Such a peace in Jewish life would be a mockery and could not last for long.

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